

PLACEMENTS DOWN 3%

For the week ending, July 12, 2008, growers placed 11.6 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 3.0% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type hatched (11.6 million) decreased 3.0% from comparable week in 2007. Eggs set in incubators the week totaled 13.5 million, a decrease of 5.1% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 9.6 million for the week ending July 5, 2008 compared to 9.7 million slaughtered during the same week in 2007.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA						
WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
05/17/2008	14,146	13,791	11,866	11,156	12,000	11,203
05/24/2008	14,121	13,758	11,694	11,658	11,795	11,716
05/31/2008	14,289	13,592	11,846	11,645	11,938	11,736
06/07/2008	14,342	13,963	11,820	11,603	11,912	11,772
06/14/2008	14,327	13,136	11,810	11,614	11,900	11,924
06/21/2008	14,334	14,079	11,889	11,523	12,305	11,817
* 06/28/2008	13,559	13,350	11,931	11,656	12,023	11,654
* 07/05/2008	14,059	13,332	11,973	10,942	11,974	10,942
07/12/2008	14,219	13,491	11,950	11,587	11,950	11,587

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

\* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK,  
GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV.	PREV.	PREV.
	07/19/2008	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	80.00	80.15	77.55	80.76
12-City Composite 2/	86.22	86.34	82.06	81.12

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States						
State	Week Ending					
	Jun 7 2008	Jun 14 2008	Jun 21 2008	Jun 28 2008	Jul 5 2008	Jul 12 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	32,740	*31,560	*31,093	*30,296	*29,044	30,484
AR	26,918	26,137	26,337	26,620	26,069	26,307
DE	3,718	3,630	3,647	3,495	3,573	3,624
FL	1,356	1,341	1,341	1,346	1,351	1,306
GA	34,119	34,260	34,231	33,955	*32,622	33,907
KY	*8,152	*7,545	*7,694	*7,488	*7,792	7,909
LA	3,651	3,642	3,651	3,651	3,651	3,651
MD	8,976	8,236	9,162	8,594	8,618	8,721
MS	19,074	18,930	18,761	18,624	18,772	17,768
NC	19,169	19,116	*19,230	18,949	*18,416	18,491
OK	7,270	6,850	*6,897	7,240	7,170	7,429
PA	4,474	4,539	4,550	4,525	*4,276	4,441
SC	5,769	5,260	5,317	5,539	5,348	5,380
TX	15,787	15,876	15,897	14,714	15,700	15,608
VA	6,199	6,476	6,315	6,306	6,099	6,017
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*20,117	*19,748	19,594	*19,299	*19,642	20,045
19 State Total	*217,489	*213,146	*213,717	*210,641	*208,143	211,088
Previous Year Total	219,184	217,590	216,287	210,141	216,018	218,175
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	98	99	100	96	97

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Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 12, 2008. This was down 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States						
State	Week Ending					
	Jun 7 2008	Jun 14 2008	Jun 21 2008	Jun 28 2008	Jul 5 2008	Jul 12 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	22,140	22,327	22,049	*22,019	*21,477	21,237
AR	23,671	24,314	24,638	22,783	*23,052	22,227
DE	5,127	4,521	4,361	5,208	4,213	4,831
FL	1,146	1,136	1,224	1,216	1,315	1,160
GA	29,052	28,012	28,934	29,311	*28,617	27,742
KY	6,508	*6,864	*6,462	*7,090	*6,342	6,016
LA	3,794	3,742	3,755	3,632	3,456	3,543
MD	5,939	6,308	6,773	6,114	6,083	5,678
MS	17,348	17,262	17,186	17,283	16,882	16,668
NC	16,047	16,010	15,580	16,328	*15,683	15,978
OK	4,801	4,917	3,810	5,109	4,513	6,113
PA	3,278	3,414	3,373	3,373	*3,372	3,402
SC	4,726	5,494	5,220	4,044	4,726	5,027
TX	12,997	13,156	13,200	13,260	13,363	13,409
VA	5,202	5,287	4,911	4,440	4,865	5,423
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,147	*16,604	*17,768	*17,954	*17,032	16,793
19 State Total	*179,923	*179,368	*179,244	*179,164	*174,991	175,247
Previous Year Total	180,462	179,754	180,026	178,938	178,318	177,496
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	100	100	98	99

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Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 12, 2008. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through July 12, 2008 were 4.99 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.